



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5155

House of Representatives, March 28, 2018

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. STEINBERG of the 136th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATION REGARDING WAIVER OF LICENSING FEES FOR PRIVATE PROVIDERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 17a-227 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2018*):

4 (c) After receiving an application and making such investigation as
5 is deemed necessary and after finding the specified requirements to
6 have been fulfilled, the department shall grant a license to such
7 applicant to operate a facility of the character described in such
8 application, which license shall specify the name of the person to have
9 charge and the location of each facility operated under the license. Any
10 person, firm or corporation aggrieved by any requirement of the
11 regulations or by the refusal to grant any license may request an
12 administrative hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.
13 If the licensee of any such facility desires to place in charge thereof a

14 person other than the one specified in the license, application shall be
 15 made to the Department of Developmental Services, in the same
 16 manner as provided for the original application, for permission to
 17 make such change. Such application shall be acted upon not later than
 18 ten calendar days from the date of the filing of the application. Each
 19 such license shall be renewed annually upon such terms as may be
 20 established by regulations and may be revoked by the department
 21 upon proof that the facility for which such license was issued is being
 22 improperly operated, or for the violation of any of the provisions of
 23 this section or of the regulations adopted pursuant to this section,
 24 provided the licensee shall first be given a reasonable opportunity to
 25 be heard in reference to such proposed revocation. Any person, firm or
 26 corporation aggrieved by such revocation may request an
 27 administrative hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.
 28 Each person, firm or corporation, upon filing an application under the
 29 provisions of this section for a license for a community living
 30 arrangement, shall pay to the State Treasurer the sum of fifty dollars
 31 unless such fee is waived by the commissioner. An application for
 32 licensure under this section need not be notarized.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2018	17a-227(c)

PH*Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 19 \$	FY 20 \$
Department of Developmental Services	GF - Revenue Loss	Less than \$20,000	Less than \$20,000
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Savings	Less than \$20,000	Less than \$20,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in no net fiscal impact as it waives a \$50 fee paid by private providers that is subsequently reimbursed by the state.

The bill allows the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to waive a \$50 licensing fee charged to private providers of group homes. These fees, totaling less than \$20,000 annually, are collected by DDS and deposited in the General Fund.

To the extent that all fees are waived as a result of the bill, there would be a revenue loss of less than \$20,000 to the General Fund. However, there would also be an offsetting savings of less than \$20,000 to the Community Residential Services program (funded in the Department of Social Services) since group home providers would no longer claim the \$50 application fee as an allowable cost.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

This bill allows the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) commissioner to waive the \$50 application fee for private providers applying for a license to operate DDS community living arrangements (i.e., group homes).

The bill also specifies that such applications do not need to be notarized, but existing law requires them to be verified by oath (CGS 17a-227(a)).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2018

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/09/2018)